

ABSTRACT

*Insert*  
*A1*

A generic spatially-scalable shape encoding apparatus and method for handling different mask decomposition methods, while maximizing coding efficiency of the encoder, is disclosed. The present generic

5 spatially-scalable shape encoding applies three encoding steps to maximize the coding efficiency of the encoder, i.e., mask mode encoding, base mask layer coding and enhancement mask layer coding.

0931279 051799 66750 2622660